

Dear LWV CVA Members, Past Presidents and
Life Members:

*You are invited to a
"Birthday Party"
Celebrating 100 Years of
The League of Women Voters*

To be held at Northside Library,
705 West Rio Road, Charlottesville
Thursday, March 5, 2020
Open House from 1 – 3 pm

In the Library's Main Hall, enjoy an exhibit explaining how the League began: *The Story of the Suffragettes*; followed by *The Founding of the League of Women Voters*, and *A Look to the Future!* Also on display, in honor of our own *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area*, is the history of our local League as told by our Presidents!

We look forward to seeing YOU!

For questions or further information, contact
Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873



Celebrating 100 Years of the League of Women Voters! And Women's History Month

The “Story of the League of Women Voters: Past, Present, Future!” and the history of our own local League as told by our Presidents, starting with Mary Stamps White, will be on display beginning on March 2, at Northside Library (Jefferson-Madison Regional Library), 705 West Rio Road, Charlottesville, in the Library’s main hall. Exhibit is up for the entire month of March—don’t miss it!

**Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm; Friday – Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm
(Closed Sunday)**



City of Charlottesville Mayor Nikuyah Walker presents LWV CVA President Pat Cochran with a copy of the “Proclamation” read at the City Council Meeting on February 17, 2020, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. A similar Proclamation will be read at the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00 pm.

2020 Primary ELECTION - Super Tuesday!



Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary.

Look up your registration securely on the State Board of Elections website: www.elections.virginia.gov/registration.

There is no party registration for this primary—open to all registered Virginia voters..

An Invitation to Tour The Center at Belvedere [Formerly “The Senior Center”]

By Gerry Kruger, LWV CVA Community Engagement Director

Our League members have been invited to a **1:00 pm tour** of The Center at Belvedere on **Wednesday, March 18th**. The host can comfortably handle 15 or so, and would like to know the number to expect before the day of the tour. If more than 15 wish to participate in the tour, they could possibly do two tours.

Please RSVP to Gerry Kruger, gerrykruger@embarqmail.com, if you wish to go on the tour. She needs your **email** as well as your **name**. The tour will take about an hour to complete and begin from the atrium – just inside the building.

Directions to The Center at Belvedere: The Center at Belvedere’s address is 540 Belvedere Boulevard, Charlottesville, VA. 22901, just off East Rio Road near the Covenant Church and CATEC.

- a. **From Downtown**, once the Warner Parkway becomes E. Rio Rd., you pass CATEC on your left. Turn Right at the next intersection onto Belvedere Boulevard.
- b. **From 29** turn onto E. Rio Road – head toward Downtown Charlottesville for 1.5 Miles. Turn Left onto Belvedere Boulevard. If you pass CATEC on your right, you have gone too far.

The Center at Belvedere entrance will be on your right about 0.5 miles down Belvedere Boulevard.



Upcoming Sunday Seminar, April 19

WOMEN vs. INCARCERATION: *What About Justice?*

Why are women the fastest growing population in our prisons while crime is decreasing? What can we do about it?

That's a question that will fire the discussion at the April 19 *Sunday Seminar* hosted by the LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee. Neal S. Goodloe, Jr., Criminal Justice Coordinator/Planner for the Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board, will have answers, issues, actions and problems to share from his extensive research and practice. He has implemented and advised application of *Evidence Based Decision Making* in Virginia, Wisconsin, South Carolina and Massachusetts. This data-based decision-making leads to "Evidence Based Practice" supporting informed jail population management; jail and prison reentry planning; and improved and expanded community correction practices. In other words, he has studied who is in jail and prison and evaluated practices that can reduce incarceration and capitalize on community alternatives. Considerable time will be allotted to questions from those attending following his presentation.

This forum is sponsored by the LWV Justice Reform Committee. Mark your calendar — and consider joining the committee: **April 19, 2-4 PM (doors open at 1:30), CitySpace.** For more information about this program or the work of the Justice Reform Committee, contact Kit Murphy McNally, murphymcnally@gmail.com.

LWV CVA Members - Please Note: With our March exhibit at Northside Library celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters, we will not have a March Sunday Seminar. Our next Sunday Seminar is April 19, 2 – 4 pm (with doors open at 1:30 pm for "Meet and Greet"). See above for program.

LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Report on the February 16 Sunday Seminar

By Muriel Grim

To help answer the question “What are the most effective actions we can take, both as individuals and as members of the Central Virginia community, to confront climate change?” the Natural Resources Committee convened a panel of local experts whose work includes addressing that question. At the February 16 Sunday Seminar, “Hot Matters: Climate in Crisis – What actions should we take?” Cheryl Gomez, director of operations for University of Virginia Facilities Management, Susan Kruse, executive director of the Charlottesville Climate Collaborative, Kristel Riddervold, environmental sustainability manager for the City of Charlottesville, and Narissa Turner, policy and campaigns manager for Climate and Clean Energy for the Virginia Conservation Network, discussed the problem from their perspectives.

All four panelists agreed that the most effective way to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions was to have a goal and then create and stick to a plan to reach that goal. This approach is useful on both a personal level (for example, converting, over time, to very energy-efficient appliances) and an organizational level (for example, setting sustainability goals, as UVA has done).

The panelists described what was necessary to develop plans and achieve goals. First, a baseline (measuring current energy consumption or GHG emission levels) must be determined so that progress can be measured. Then one must determine ways to overcome any barriers. All panelists pointed to working in isolation as the biggest barrier. People should communicate and work together to identify problems, discuss solutions, lend support, and fix problems. Existing laws can also create barriers. Again, working together and, in some cases, persistently appealing to legislators and administrators can be most effective at breaking down barriers. It was noted that comments and positive feedback, especially from people who do not usually contact legislators and decision makers, do make a difference.

Finally, fighting climate change should be integrated into all community and personal decisions. It should not be considered an additional cost but rather a “strategic investment”.

Panelists (left to right) Cheryl Gomez, Narissa Turner, Kristel Riddervold, and Susan Kruse, at the February 16 LWV CVA Sunday Seminar. After their presentations, they fielded numerous questions from the large audience attending this event.



LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee: Report of the February 27th meeting

By Muriel Grim

Responding to a LWVUS request, the Committee created a list of natural resources related LWVUS Positions that the NRC used during the last two years in order to act at local levels.

We discussed the February 16th Climate Change seminar and both approved and added more seminar information to what will be posted on the LWVCVA website.

We also discussed *Public Access TV* and whom we should contact about recording League events for Public Access. Lisa Hilgartner will pursue this for the whole local League and will let the board know what is possible.

Sally Thomas attended the Board of Directors of the Albemarle County Service Authority (ACSA) meeting on February 20 and spoke in support of finishing the Ragged Mountain Reservoir pipeline sooner than 2035. However she reported that the Service Authority is doing a very good job of managing financial resources and because of financial limitations the time frame for completing the pipeline probably cannot be shortened. She also attended the Board of Directors of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) meeting and reported about the difficulty of finding destinations for recyclables but that some new products are now being made.

Tom Olivier talked with the committee about the need to bring consideration of sustainability back into planning. Using the definition of sustainability as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” we discussed the fact that any kind of growth cannot continue forever. We must make sure we don’t extract more resources, especially those necessary for human life, from the environment than we allow to return to the environment. (An example would be potable water.) To address environmental degradation we should plan in ways that don’t expect that everything can grow. We should consider the concept of a circular economy replacing economic “growth”. Tom, representing *Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population* (ASAP), intends to present a “local sustainability” proposal to our local governments.

The March meeting of the LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 1 pm, at University Village (small conference room). For further information, contact Muriel Grim, msgrim2012@gmail.com.

A Note from the LWV CVA Child Care Committee: Beth Kariel is researching why more local child care centers are not participating in subsidy programs. For more information about the work of the Child Care Committee or to join in the efforts of this committee, contact Beth Kariel, bethkariel9@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

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Dear Pat and Charlottesville League,

I'm still hoping the C-ville League would like to become the 7th Virginia local League to have its name engraved on the Donor Wall of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial (<http://www.suffragistmemorial.org>). Many of your members are familiar with the project, but so far I have not heard if you all might like to put together the \$1000 that is needed to reach that designation. A number of state and local Leagues from all over the country have stepped in; LWV-VA and LWVUS are also donors. The local Leagues who are supporting the memorial include Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Montgomery County, Prince William, and Williamsburg. Often these Leagues have bundled individual gifts to make up the needed amount and sent in one check. This would be an alternative to taking it out of your local budget.

The deadline for being accepted for the Donor Wall is April 30, 2020, so if you are considering this, be sure to make the deadline. Construction on the memorial has begun on the site of the imprisonment of the Suffragists for picketing President Wilson's White House in 1917. The garden style memorial, to include statues of Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, and Mary Church Terrell, will be dedicated on August 26, 2020, Women's Equality Day, in Occoquan Regional Park in southern Fairfax County.

Electronic donations can be made through our website (<http://www.suffragistmemorial.org>). Checks made payable to TPSMA can be mailed to Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, 22039. Turning Point is a 501(c)3 organization; donations are tax deductible.

Warm regards,

Lois Page, Secretary TPSMA, LWV-Fairfax

Please note: The LWV CVA Board has decided not to make a \$1000 donation for this memorial, from our local Operating Budget, nor do we intend to "bundle" individual checks. However, if you would like to make donation as an individual, please do so, using the address given above.



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**Meetings and Events for March 2020:
Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Tuesday, Mar 3: 6 am to 7 pm	Vote in the Democratic Primary Election	Your precinct!	For further information, go to www.elections.virginia.gov/registration
Wed., March 4, 1 pm	Centennial Proclamation by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors	Lane Auditorium, County Office Bldg., McIntire Rd., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com
Thurs., March 5, 1 – 3 pm	Open House: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters	Northside Library, 705 West Rio Rd., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com
Wed., March 11, 12 Noon to 1:15 pm	LWV CVA Firearm Safety Committee Meeting	Westminster-Canterbury, Bishops Conference Room, Pantops	For further information, contact Maggie Hoover, maggie.hoover@gmail.com
Wed., March 11, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Westminster-Canterbury, Bishops Conference Room, Pantops	For further information, contact Carol Cutler, j434-293-2463
Wed, March 18, 9:30 am	LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Susan Roberts, 595 Glengarry Ct., Earlysville, 434-825-2696	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 434-245-5228
Tues., March 24, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm	LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee Meeting	Center for Non-Profit Excellence, 1701-A Allied St. Charlottesville	For further information, contact Kit Murphy McNally, murphymcnally@gmail.com
Thurs., March 26, 1:00 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	University Village (small committee room), 500 Crestwood Dr.	For further information, contact Sally Thomas, 434-295-1819